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SUBJ: REPORTS OF DISSIDENTS/CRIMINALS KILLED, CAPTURED AND  
PARDONED

1. JULY 5 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ANNOUNCED THAT FOUR MUNICIPAL  
OFFICERS HAVE BEEN ARRESTED FOR FRAUDULENT PRACTICES AND  
NEGLIGENCE WHICH LED TO LOSS OF ETH \$10.5 MILLION BY  
MUNICIPALITY IN UNCOLLECTED TAXES. THE FOUR ARE: ATO  
ABDELA ABDURAHMAN, DEPUTY MAYOR IN CHARGE OF FINANCIAL AND  
ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS; ATO TASEW HAILE-MARIAM, CHIEF  
CONTROLLER OF THE MUNICIPALITY; BEJIROND WOGAYHU WONDIMAGHENGHU,  
DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MUNICIPALITY IN CHARGE OF FINANCIAL  
AND BUDGETARY AFFAIRS; AND ATO FIKRU SEIFU, INTERNAL AUDITOR  
OF THE MUNICIPALITY. THE FOUR WERE ACCUSED OF AUTHORIZING REAL  
ESTATE TRANSACTIONS THAT NEVER TOOK PLACE, TAMPERING WITH TAX  
LEDGERS, FALSIFYING TITLE DEEDS OF HOUSES AND REAL ESTATE,  
AUTHORIZING RECREATIONAL "FACILITIES" TO BE IMPORTED DUTY  
FREE AND NEGLECTING THEIR DUTY IN COLLECTING VARIOUS MUNICIPAL

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TAXES.

2. JULY 6 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ANNOUNCED THAT ELEVEN TEENAGERS WHO HAD BEEN ROAMING THE BUSH IN ERITREA WERE PARDONED BY MARTIAL LAW ADMINISTRATOR BG GETACHEW NADEW. THE TEENAGERS - SEVEN BOYS AND FOUR GIRLS - WERE PARDONED BECUASE OF THEIR AGE AND BECAUSE THEY HAD BEEN MISLED AND INDUCED TO TAKE TO THE BUSH BY "BANDITS."

3. JULY 8 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ANNOUNCED THAT NINE PERSONS WERE ARRESTED FOR ARMS TRAFFICKING AND OPPOSING LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION IN SHOA PROVINCE. THE NINE ARE: DEJAZMATCH KEBEDE YIRDAW, BALAMBARAS ABERA SEIFU, ATO HADDIS TAMRAT, ATO MEKURIA ZELEKE, GRAZMATCH KASSAYE BEKELE, ATO KINFU BELIHU, ATO GIZAS TEREFE, GRAZMATCH TESFAYE HAILEGNOW AND ATO AMDE-BERHAN ABEBE. THE FIRST THREE LISTED WERE DETAINED FOR ATTEMPTING TO TRANSPORT ARMS TO TEGULET-BULGA AREA OF SHOA WHILE THE REMAINING SIX WERE DETAINED FOR "ATTEMPTING TO DISTURB LAW AND ORDER" IN SAME AREA IN OPPOSITION TO LAND REFORM PROCLAMATION.

4. JULY 9 ETHIOPIAN HERALD ANNOUNDED THAT INHABITANTS OF MINJAR IN TEGULQET-BULGA AWRAJA OF SHOA KILLED ONE AND CAPTURED TWO "ENEMIES OF THE PEOPLE." RETIRED BG TEFERA YIHEYIS WAS KILLED MONDAY AND TWO OF HIS ACCOMPLICES, ZEWDE HAILE MARIAM, A RETIRED ARMY PRIVATE, AND TAMENE GEBREYESUS WERE CAPTURED ALIVE. ARTICLE STATES THAT GENERAL TEFERA WAS LARGE LANDHOLDER WHO FLED TO THE BUSH IMMEDIATELY AFTER LAND REFORM WAS PROCLAIMED.

5. COMMENT: LAST TWO PARAGRAPHS ARE 5TH AND 6TH PUBLISHED REPORTS OF RURAL DISSIDENTS CAPTURED OR KILLED SINCE JUNE 23. HUMMEL

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